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Memorandum

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I wanted to share with you information on the award of FY 2007 discretionary grant funding for certain highway discretionary programs. As described in more detail below, we are concentrating the majority of available FY 2007 discretionary resources to support the U.S. Department of Transportation's (Department) Urban Partnership and Corridors of the Future Congestion Initiatives. We believe that these investments on a smaller number of projects will offer significant congestion relief and safety benefits. The Department's Congestion Initiative provides a unique opportunity to supply substantial amounts of funding to jump start innovative and comprehensive approaches to congestion reduction. We hope to use this model to benefit other congested areas in the future.

On March 22, FHWA published a *Federal Register Notice of Funding Availability* soliciting applications for projects and activities, focusing on the two Secretarial priorities of safety and congestion, for the following FY 2007 highway discretionary funding programs: Ferry Boat Discretionary Program (23 U.S.C. 147); Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment Program (23 U.S.C. 503(b)); Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program (23 U.S.C. 118(c)); Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program (23 U.S.C. 202-204); Highways for LIFE Pilot (HfL) Program (§ 1502 of Pub. L. 109-59); Transportation Community and System Preservation Program (§ 1117 of Pub. L. 109-59); Truck Parking Facilities Pilot Program (§ 1305 of Pub. L. 109-59); and Delta Region Transportation Development Program (§ 1308 of Pub. L. 109-59).

The March 22 notice indicated that the Department would give priority consideration in its funding decisions to Urban Partners and Corridors of the Future, which are two components of the Department's Congestion Initiative. Our decisions in allocating FY 2007 discretionary funds reflect this priority. The funding will be distributed after enactment of the FY 2008 Transportation spending bill.

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The Department and FHWA reviewed all FY 2007 discretionary funding applications consistent with the strategy of concentrating available discretionary resources on fewer projects that offer a greater benefit through safety and congestion relief, as contrasted against past practices of parceling out smaller sums of discretionary funding to a larger number of recipients. Attached is a list of the Department's FY 2007 discretionary resource determinations for those programs specified in the March 22 notice. The funding determinations detailed on the attached list are primarily focused on eligible discretionary projects within the five Urban Partnership areas (New York City, Miami, Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Seattle) and on the six Corridors of the Future (I-5, I-10, I-15, I-69, I-70, and I-95). The balance of the available funding was applied to projects where the discretionary grant funds offered the greatest transportation benefit.¹

I recognize that a large number of our State DOT Partners and our Division offices working with the States have expended a significant level of effort in seeking discretionary funds that, as a result of this year's strategic focus in allocation decisions, are not being realized in this fiscal year. Those efforts have not gone unnoticed and are very much appreciated. We recognize there may be some disappointment that more projects could not be selected for funding; however, the applications received for Urban Partnerships and Corridors of the Future allowed us to focus discretionary awards on projects that have the potential to provide substantial congestion-relief benefits.

Please share the attached list of highway awards by discretionary program with your State DOT counterpart and convey my appreciation for all of their hard work. The Department and FHWA are excited about these new approaches to congestion mitigation, and we hope that you will support us as we look at new ways to have an immediate impact and address the transportation issues facing all of us.

Attachment

¹ Specific funding determinations have not yet been made for two highway discretionary programs set forth in the March 22 notice: the Truck Parking Facilities Pilot (Truck Parking) Program and the Innovative Bridge Research and Deployment (IBRD) Program. The agency is in the process of determining a method to provide the best return on investment for the Truck Parking program. Additionally, the agency is still evaluating the current submittal for the IBRD program.

TABLE 1

FY 2007 – Ferry Boat Discretionary Program		
<u>STATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
California	Larkspur Ferry Terminal – environmental, design engineering and construction to rehabilitate the terminal facilities – Urban Partnership	\$12,800,000
New York	Ferry transportation improvements on East River and Upper New York Bay, New York City - reconstruction of Battery Maritime Building Slip #5 and East 34th Street Ferry Landing; capacity and passenger flow enhancements and shelter improvements at Wall Street Ferry Landing Pier 11; system-wide passenger shelter improvements and intermodal connectivity improvements; and Staten Island Ferry Rack study – Urban Partnership	\$15,800,000
Washington	Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal - preliminary engineering/NEPA for the multimodal terminal – Urban Partnership	\$1,325,000
Washington	High-Speed, Ultra Low-Wake Passenger-Only Ferry Design, Development, Procurement and Testing For Rich Passage, Puget Sound, Washington - boat design, SEPA and NEPA activities – Urban Partnership	\$2,000,000
Washington	Vashon Island Passenger-Only Ferry Vessel - purchase a new vessel to replace boat currently in service – Urban Partnership	\$1,000,000
Washington	Puget Sound New Vessel construction - construction of four passenger-auto vessels to replace five vessels that are functionally obsolete – Urban Partnership	\$1,039,000
Washington	Kingston Express - lease or buy an existing 80 passenger foot ferry – Urban Partnership	\$3,500,000
Washington	Pierce County Ferry System - improvement of the Steilacoom Ferry landing by constructing a second ferry slip to include a short bridge trestle, transfer span, apron, pontoon, wing walls, dolphins, electrical, hydraulic, water & sewer work – Urban Partnership	\$2,000,000
Washington	Guemes Island Ferry Dock Repair - remove and replace existing Guemes Island terminal dock; repair cap beam at channel end of the dock; remove and replace the existing concrete cap, form and place epoxy coated reinforcing steel, and pour new corrosion resistant concrete; and replace 118 feet of steel guard rail – Urban Partnership	\$736,000
TOTAL		\$40,200,000

TABLE 2

FY 2007 – Interstate Maintenance Discretionary Program		
<u>STATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
Arizona	I-10 from I-8 to the Gila River Indian Community - widen from 4 lanes divided highway to 6 lanes divided highway, including project development (PE), ROW acquisition, and construction – Corridors of the Future	\$4,000,000
Florida	I-95 Managed Lanes project, from SR-836 (the Dolphin Expressway) in Miami-Dade County to I-595 in Broward County – Urban Partnership	\$43,400,000

Minnesota	Priced Dynamic Shoulder Lanes, on I-35W northbound, from 46th Street to TH-65 near downtown Minneapolis – Urban Partnership	\$6,600,000
Missouri	I-70 from Kansas City to St. Louis - supplemental EIS to evaluate impacts from dedicated truck lanes and various financing options, such as tolling, public-private partnerships and sales tax increase – Corridors of the Future	\$2,000,000
North Carolina	I-95 through North Carolina - roadway widening (i.e. lane additions, ramp improvements, and shoulders), rehabilitate existing pavement and structures, reduce or eliminate barriers to efficient freight movement including such things as improving bridge clearances, minor interchange and ramp capacity improvements, and weigh station upgrades, and improving other operational characteristics – Corridors of the Future	\$21,000,000
Oregon	I-5 Columbia River Crossing, from SR-500 in Vancouver, WA south to Columbia Boulevard in Portland, OR - complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), begin design, and make protective right-of-way purchases for parcels that would be needed for any of the “build” options or for construction staging areas – Corridors of the Future	\$15,000,000
TOTAL		\$92,000,000

TABLE 3

FY 2007 – Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program		
<u>STATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
Arizona	Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge over the Colorado River approximately 1,500 feet downstream of the Hoover Dam – construction of bridge	\$22,800,000
California	South Access to the Golden Gate Bridge, Doyle Drive Toll Facility – new toll collection facility that will allow for variable pricing – Urban Partnership	\$12,000,000
California	South Access to the Golden Gate Bridge, Doyle Drive Replacement Project – complete design and right of way acquisition leading to immediate construction of the Doyle Drive Replacement, including toll collection facility and related expenses – Urban Partnership	\$35,300,000
Montana	State Secondary Route 239, from U.S.-87, extending westerly for a distance of 11.64 miles, between the towns of Hobson and Utica, Judith Basin County – roadway reconstruction, including widening to include two foot paved shoulders, resurfacing, and correcting horizontal and vertical alignment	\$840,000
Nevada	I-15 from I-215 north to Apex Interchange – roadway widening, interchange improvements, and managed/express lanes to use a variety of operating strategies such as High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes – Corridors of the Future	\$10,000,000

New Mexico	US 62/180 from Texas State Line to Carlsbad, near Carlsbad National Park, Eddy County – reconstruction of existing two lane roadway, together with new construction of parallel two lane roadway	\$560,000
Wyoming	17-Mile Road (Wyoming State Highway 137), on the Wind River Indian Reservation, Fremont County – widening and resurfacing the existing roadway to 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders, including drainage improvements and lighting	\$2,800,000
TOTAL		\$84,300,000

TABLE 4

FY 2007 – Highways for LIFE Projects		
<u>STATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
Phase 1		
Arizona	Reconstruct a section of State Route 179 in Sedona	\$1,000,000
Georgia	New interchange on Interstate 85 in Troup County	\$1,000,000
Maine	Bridge replacements on State Highway 116 in Old Town and on Route 4 in Addison	\$470,000
Missouri	Rebuild a section of I-29/I-35 in Kansas City	\$1,000,000
Oregon	Replacement of five bridges on Oregon 38 between Drain and Elkton	\$1,000,000
Virginia	Repair a two-lane ramp on I-66 at US 50 in Fairfax County	\$1,000,000
Virginia	Bridge replacement on Route 15/29 in Prince William County	waive match
Phase 2		
California	Rehabilitation of a section of Route 15 in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties – Corridors of the Future	\$5,000,000
Maryland	Bridge replacements on Maryland 28 in Frederick Co. and Maryland 725 in Prince George's Co.	\$800,000
Montana	Culvert retrofitting section of US 12 in Powell and Lewis and Clark Counties	\$320,000
New York	Bridge approach replacement on 15 bridges on I-88 in Delaware and Schoharie Counties	\$1,000,000
North Dakota	Rehabilitation of a section of US 2 from Berwick to Rugby	\$1,000,000
Utah	Replacement of a bridge on SR 266 over I-215	\$1,000,000
TOTAL		\$14,590,000

TABLE 5

FY 2007 – Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Discretionary Program		
<u>STATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
Arkansas	I-69 Innovative Financing Study – Corridors of the Future	\$800,000
California	Downtown Parking Pricing (On-Street and Off-Street) – Urban Partnership	\$10,000,000
Indiana	I-70 Truck Lane Study – Corridors of the Future	\$3,000,000
North Carolina	Interstate Congestion Detection System – Corridors of the Future	\$800,000
Minnesota	I-35W High-Occupancy Vehicle and Priced Dynamic Shoulder Lanes – Urban Partnership	\$16,400,000
Washington	Congestion Reduction in the Lake Washington - Lake Washington Urban Partnership	\$22,000,000
Washington	SR 520 Innovative Storm Water Quality Protection – Urban Partnership	\$2,000,000
TOTAL		\$55,000,000

TABLE 6

FY 2007 - Delta Region Transportation Development Discretionary Program		
<u>STATE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>
Alabama	US-80 4-Laning from near I-59/I-20 to West of Demopolis	\$583,727
Arkansas	Highway 65	\$850,942
Illinois	Illinois 146 Four-Lane Expansion from East Cape Girardeau to Illinois 3	\$528,441
Kentucky	Christian County, E.T. Breathitt (Pennyrile) Parkway Extension	\$542,263
Louisiana	I-10: I-12 to LA-3246, Baton Rouge – Corridors of the Future	\$4,600,000
Mississippi	SR-6 from Lyons to Marks - [MS 165]	\$795,656
Missouri	Route 67 Four Lane & Bridge Project	\$675,870
Tennessee	State Route 15 (US-64), From McClintock Road to State Route 225	\$629,799
TOTAL		\$9,206,698